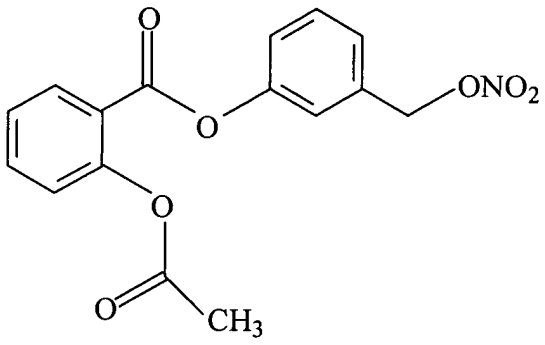
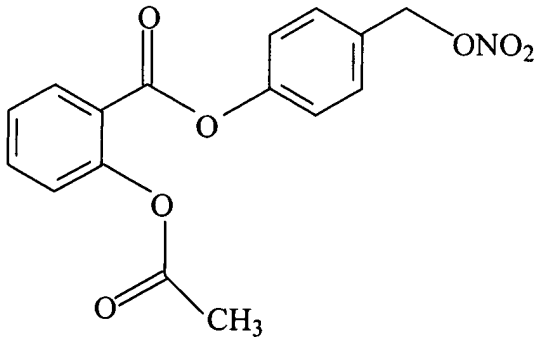
I. **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**:

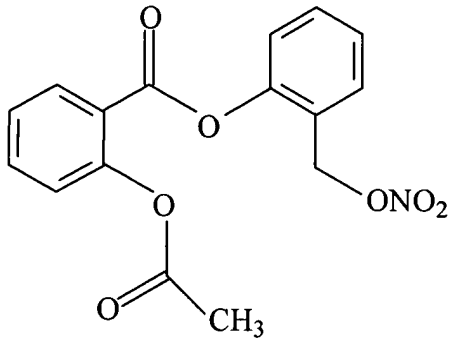
1-3. (Canceled)

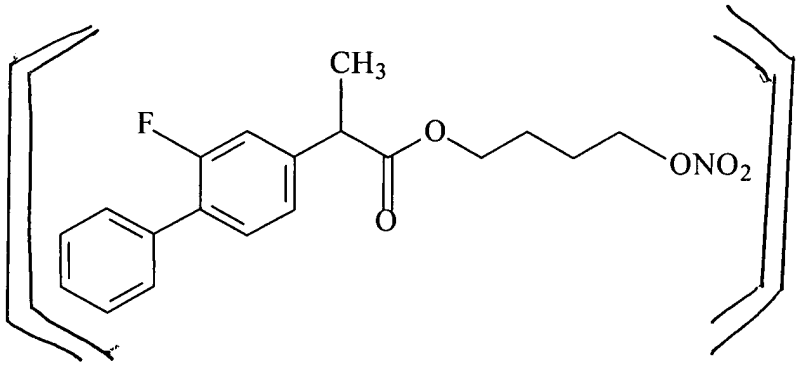
4. (Original) The method of claim 7 ~~according to Claim 1, in which R is as defined by group VIA) (formula Ia)~~, wherein R_1 is the group $OCOR_3$ with $R_3 = CH_3$, $R_2 = H$ and X = O; R_1 is in the ortho position to CO.

5. (Currently Amended) A method for treatment of gastrointestinal tumors, according to Claim [[1]] 7, by administering compounds having the following formulas:









6. (Canceled)

7. (New) A method for treatment of gastrointestinal tumors by administering compounds, having the formula:

$$A\text{-}X_1\text{-}NO_2$$

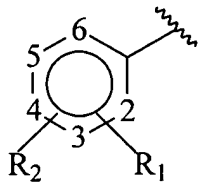
or their salts, where:

A = $R(COX)_t$ wherein

t is 1;

X = O, NH, NR_{1C} wherein R_{1C} is a linear or branched alkyl having from 1 to 10 C atoms;

R is Group VIA), where:



(Ia)

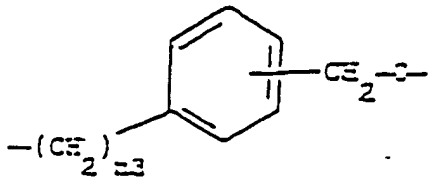
R_1 is group $OCOR_3$; where R_3 is methyl, ethyl or a linear or branched C_3-C_5 alkyl, or the residue of a single-ring heterocycle having 5 or 6 atoms which can be aromatic, partially or totally hydrogenated, containing one or more heteratoms independently chosen from O, N and S; R_2 is hydrogen, hydroxy, halogen, a linear or whenever possible branched alkyl having from 1 to 4 C atoms, a linear or whenever possible branched alcoxyl having from 1 to 4 C atoms; a linear or whenever possible branched perfluoroalkyl having from 1 to 4 C atoms, for example trifluoromethyl, nitro, amino, mono- or di (C_{1-4}) alkylamino; or

R_1 and R_2 jointly are the dioxymethylene group, with the proviso that when X = NH, then X_1 is ethylene and R_2 = H; R_1 cannot be $OCOR_3$ at position 2 when R_3 is methyl;

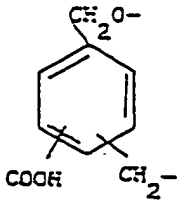
X_1 in formula A-X_1-NO_2 is a bivalent connecting bridge chosen from the following:

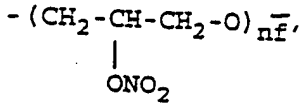
- YO

where Y is a linear or branched C_1-C_{20} alkylene, or an optionally substituted cycloalkylene having from 5 to 7 carbon atoms;

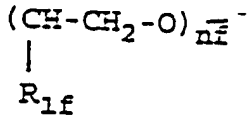


where n_3 is an integer from 0 to 3;





where nf' is an integer from 1 to 6;



where R_{1f} = H or CH_3 and nf is an integer from 1 to 6.